

allocation of direct loan and grant funds appropriated for such programs, and that the Secretary determines to be fair, reasonable, and appropriate.

(b) Transfer of loan guarantee authority

(1) In general

If the sums appropriated for loan guarantees and made available to any eligible State (within the meaning of section 2008(b)(3) of this title) under a program specified in subsection (a) of this section for the fiscal year are insufficient to enable the Secretary to provide the full amount of the assistance requested for a project specified in section 2008(c)(4) of this title, the Secretary may transfer to the program from the other such programs part or all of the sums appropriated for loan guarantees made available to such eligible State for such other program for such fiscal year.

(2) Limitation on guarantee amounts transferred

With regard to each such eligible State, the amount of loan guarantees transferred from a program under this section shall not exceed the amount for such program left unobligated after obligating to each project in an application ranked higher in priority on the list described in section 2008a(b)(6) of this title the full amount of assistance requested for each such project.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 368, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2317, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4009.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subsection (b) of this section effective Oct. 1, 1991, see section 2007(d) of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2007, 6943 of this title.

§ 2008d. Recordkeeping of loans by borrower's gender

The Secretary shall classify, by gender, records of applicants for loans and loan guarantees under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 369, as added Pub. L. 102-554, § 21(c), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4161.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6943 of this title.

§ 2008e. Prohibition under rural development programs

(a) Prohibition

Assistance under any rural development program administered by the Rural Development Administration, the Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration, or any other agency of the Department of Agriculture shall not be conditioned on any requirement that the recipient of such assistance ac-

cept or receive electric service from any particular utility, supplier, or cooperative.

(b) Ensuring compliance

The Secretary shall establish, by regulation, adequate safeguards to ensure that assistance under such rural development programs is not subject to such a condition. Such safeguards shall include periodic certifications and audits, and appropriate measures and sanctions against any person violating, or attempting to violate, the prohibition in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Regulations

Not later than 6 months after November 1, 1993, the Secretary shall issue interim final regulations to ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 370, as added Pub. L. 103-129, § 5, Nov. 1, 1993, 107 Stat. 1366.)

§ 2008f. Crop insurance requirement

(a) In general

As a condition of obtaining any benefit (including a direct loan, loan guarantee, or payment) described in subsection (b) of this section, a borrower must obtain at least catastrophic risk protection insurance coverage under section 1508 of this title for the crop and crop year for which the benefit is sought, if the coverage is offered by the Corporation.

(b) Applicable benefits

Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to—

- (1) a farm ownership loan (FO) under section 1923 of this title;
- (2) an operating loan (OL) under section 1942 of this title; and
- (3) an emergency loan (EM) under section 1961 of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 371, as added Pub. L. 103-354, title I, § 119(b), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3208.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 13, 1994, and applicable to provision of crop insurance under Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) beginning with 1995 crop year, with such Act, as in effect on the day before Oct. 13, 1994, to continue to apply with respect to 1994 crop year, see section 120 of Pub. L. 103-354, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 1502 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1508 of this title.

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 2270, 3175a, 3175b of this title; title 8 section 1255a; title 20 section 2341; title 26 sections 32, 6103, 6109; title 29 sections 49b, 1503, 1645; title 42 sections 405, 503, 602, 610, 1314a, 1320b-7, 1383, 1437f, 1758, 1766, 1786, 3012, 3056g, 3058e, 3058k, 5179, 8624; title 43 section 1626; title 48 section 1841.

§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Congress finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. Congress further finds that increased utilization of food in establishing and maintaining adequate national levels of nutrition will promote the distribution in a beneficial manner of the Nation's agricultural abundance and will strengthen the Nation's agricultural economy, as well as result in more orderly marketing and distribution of foods. To alleviate such hunger and malnutrition, a food stamp program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation.

(Pub. L. 88-525, §2, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 703; Pub. L. 91-671, §1, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2048;